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April 29, 2022

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Chair  
U.S. House Committee on Appropriations  
H-307 The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger  
Ranking Member  
U.S. House Committee on Appropriations  
1036 Longworth House Office Building  
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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger,

I am submitting a programmatic funding request on behalf of the City of Houston, Texas for park and community redevelopment programs for fiscal year 2023 to the Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development in the amount of \$14,050,000.

This funding will be used for park and community redevelopment programs within the City of Houston, Texas. Support will allow the city to move forward with time sensitive repairs and preventative treatment. Requested funding would enable repairs on original wood structures, wood flooring, wood base, wood doors, and wood & plaster walls throughout the park. Replacement of damaged mechanical equipment and distribution ductwork for air conditioning in some buildings is essential. Requested funding would provide for appropriate replacement of this equipment and air distribution materials and devices. Houston Parks Board seeks funding to renovate and restore Houston's historic and culturally significant MacGregor Park. This plan will be transformative by constructing new facilities and renovating the two historically significant buildings around a central core that celebrates its cultural heritage by creating a "town square" that provides community socialization and entrepreneurial opportunities. Additionally, Houston Parks and Recreation Department (HPARD) will replace the outdated pool at Tidwell Park to create a new aquatic facility meeting current Department standards for community pools with zero entry and swim lanes. HPARD must remove the existing Tidwell Park pool because it has outlived its useful life and does not meet current Department standards. The estimated cost to fully repair the pool was \$2 million in 2020. Due to lack of funding the City of Houston closed the pool to the public. The scope of the request for a Commercial Development in Kashmere Gardens will reflect a Social Services Hub that will be a site for future development on the major corridor of Liberty Road and Kashmere Street. Finally, The Greater East Houston Community Redevelopment Corporation is seeking funds to paint two prominent bridges and create murals. Art installations will be illuminated with solar-powered lighting and serve as a beacon of community pride and function for wayfinding.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in any of these projects.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Sheila Jackson Lee". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Sheila" being the most prominent part.

Sheila Jackson Lee  
MEMBER OF CONGRESS